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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Vernon L. Phillips.

Town Clerk—Herman C. Miller.

Selectmen—Leon E. Hoyt, Charles W. Abbott, Francis W. Abbott.

Treasurer—Herman C. Miller.

Tax Collector—Rodney G. Mills.

Board of Education—C. Gladys St. John, Harold A. Varnum, Winifred C. Hoyt.

Auditors—State Tax Commission, Municipal Accounting Division.

Supervisors—William Basset, Jr., Rodney G. Mills, Arthur J. Miller.

Road Agent—Royal S. Cleaves.

Overseer of Poor—Arthur J. Miller.

Trustees of Trust Funds—Kathleen F. Johnson, Paul T. Bradbury, Rodney G. Mills.

Library Trustees—Eleanor G. Cutter, Cornelia Brous—Resigned. Henry B. Hill, Arnold Bailey—Appointed.

Cemetery Trustees—Rodney G. Mills, Arthur E. Holt.

Fire Wards—Victor L. White, Arthur J. Miller, Norman J. Stewart, Thomas E. Bixby, Paul T. Bradbury.

Election Officers—Gladys C. Vadney, Sara E. Jones, C. Gladys St. John, Norton R. Brown.

Board of Adjustment—William A. Lord, Paul T. Bradbury, Oren P. Harwood, Ford Bowman, George E. Kunhardt.

Chief of Police—Victor L. White.

Special Police—Royal S. Cleaves, Norman J. Stewart, Carl E. Cilley.

Fence Viewers—Norman J. Stewart, Arthur J. Miller, Norton R. Brown.

Civil Defense Director—Paul T. Bradbury.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the Town of Francetown in the
County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote
in Town Affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Francetown on Tuesday, the tenth day of March, next at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the budget, as submitted by the Selectmen or make any alterations in the same and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to finance the same as finally adopted.
4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) to widen and resurface that portion of the Todd Road, leading from the Pleasant Pond Road to the Town Dump or take any action relating thereto.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) to repair the brick work on the rear of the Library.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to replace the furnace in the Library or take any action relating thereto.
7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow a sufficient sum of money to pay current expenses, in anticipation of taxes.
8. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Town Road Advisory Committee.
9. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars, No. 67 from its junction with No. 82 south to the Turnpike.
10. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars, No. 89 from west of the house of William Otterson to the land of Dr. Harold Case.

11. To see if the Town will vote to close subject to gates and bars, the Peter King Road No. 76 from its junction with No. 78 near Clarence Farrar's house to its junction with No. 74.

12. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of the Zoning Ordinance by inserting after the sentence, without first obtaining a permit, to be issued by the Board of Selectmen, the following; for which they shall collect and pay to the Town Treasurer the sum of two dollars (\$2.00). So that as amended Section 3, shall read as follows: Within said Zones no person or persons shall erect or place a building for the use of human habitation, permanent or temporary, or for a commercial enterprise, without first obtaining a permit to be issued by the Board of Selectmen, for which they shall collect and pay to the Town Treasurer, the sum of two dollars (\$2.00). The Board of Selectmen, when granting or denying this permit, shall consider the preservation of the attractiveness of the Town, its desirability as a place in which to live and do business, the safeguarding of health, welfare, morals, convenience and safety of its citizens and an orderly growth in the future.

13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Cemetery Trustees to make a chart of the Cemetery, showing the location of occupied and unoccupied lots, and raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money to pay for the same.

14. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Boys Club to practice basketball in the Town Hall, with the provision that no one over sixteen years of age shall participate, and all practice sessions shall be under proper supervision.

15. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen and take action on the same.

16. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this eleventh day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

Selectmen of Francestown

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN, N. H.

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1952	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1952	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1953
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,111 04	\$2,123 46	\$2,123 46
Savings Bank Tax	112 63	114 67	114 67
Growing Wood and Timber	1,826 36	2,132 43	1,826 36
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	185 00	162 20	162 20
Business Licenses, Permits & Filing Fees	10 00	9 00	9 00
Rent of Town Hall & Other Bldgs.	46 00	74 00	74 00
Interest Rec'd on Taxes & Deposits	70 55	225 74	225 74
Income of Departments:			
(a) Highway, including rental of equipment	20 00	20 00	20 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,706 96	1,544 29	1,544 29
Sale of Town Property		28 80	
Withdrawals from Capital Reserve Funds & Interest		1,077 50	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:			
Road Grader Notes		6,650 00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2	424 00	336 00	336 00
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	\$6,492 54	\$14,498 09	\$6,435 72
Amt. to be raised by Prop. Taxes	\$34,406 01		\$33,506 58
TOTAL REVENUES			\$39,942 30

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1952	Actual Expenditures Year 1952	Estimated Expenditures Year 1953
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$905 00	\$895 00	\$955 00
Town Officers' Expenses, Auto			
Permits	700 00	661 75	850 00
Election & Registration Expenses	150 00	173 40	50 00
Expenses Town Hall and Other			
Town Bldgs.	400 00	589 20	450 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	100 00	97 25	100 00
Fire Department	700 00	800 00	800 00
Moth Extermination	400 00	400 00	
Insurance	400 00	450 15	350 00
Civil Defense	100 00	25 20	
Forest Fires	200 00	750 91	200 00
Health:			
Vital Statistics	10 00	8 75	10 00
Town Dump & Garbage Removal	150 00	150 00	150 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500 00	3,058 79	4,500 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,500 00	2,722 72	2,000 00
Street Lighting	594 00	594 00	694 08
General Exp. of Highway Dept.	400 00	587 32	500 00
Town Road Aid	812 64	812 64	816 35
Libraries	1,280 00	1,280 00	1,521 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	300 00	188 96	
Old Age Assistance	900 00	820 17	1,000 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day & Vet. As.	10 00		10 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Cemeteries	200 00	148 29	200 00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1952	Actual Expenditures Year 1952	Estimated Expenditures Year 1953
Unclassified:			
Auto Permits	150 00	142 50	
Advertising & Regional As.	80 00	80 00	83 00
Interest:			
On Temporary Loans	50 00	44 11	75 00
On Long Term Notes and Bonds	150 00	183 39	175 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Construction—Reid's Road	500 00	1,152 66	
Tarring Bible Hill Road	250 00	253 08	
New Equipment	2,000 00	2,000 00	
Indebtedness:			
Payments on Principal of Debt:			
(b) Long Term Notes	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,830 00
(c) Payment to Capital Reserve Fds.	100 00	100 00	200 00
Payments to Other Gov. Div.:			
County Taxes	4,549 10	4,549 10	4,549 10
School Taxes	16,746 13	16,873 77	16,873 77
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$38,796 87	\$43,093 11	\$39,942 30

**SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION OF THE
TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY FOR THE TAX YEAR 1952**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY		VALUATION
Lands and Buildings (Exclusive of Growing Wood and Timber)		\$701,070
Electric Plants		62,473
Horses	25	1,750
Cows	223	52,125
Other Neat Stock	22	4,250
Sheep and Goats	164	6,960
Fowls	4532	6,735
Portable Mills	1	2,000
Road Building and Repairing and Well Drilling Machinery		3,200
Wood, lumber, etc.		8,100
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks		700
Stock in Trade		7,000
Mills and Machinery		4,000
Total gross valuation before exemptions allowed		\$860,363
Less: Soldiers' exemptions and exemptions to blind		29,300
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed		\$831,063
Amount of property valuation exempted to veterans		\$29,300
Number of inventories distributed		335
Number of inventories returned		174
Number of veterans who received property exemption		33
Number of veterans exempted from poll tax		40

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
Selectmen

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1952 OF THE TOWN OF
FRANCESTOWN IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY**

Appropriations:

Town Officers' Salaries		\$905 00
Town Officers' Expenses, auto permits	\$150 00	
General	700 00	850 00
Election and Registration Expenses		150 00
Town Hall and Buildings Maintenance		400 00
Police Department		100 00
Fire Department	700 00	
Forest Fires	200 00	900 00
Civilian Defense		100 00
Blister Rust—Moth Extermination		400 00
Dump and Garbage Collection		150 00
Vital Statistics		20 00
Town Road Aid		812 64
Town Maintenance—Summer	2,500 00	
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,500 00	5,000 00
New Construction—Roads		500 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.		400 00
Tarring portion of Bible Hill Road		250 00
Insurance		400 00
Street Lighting		594 00
New Equipment—Grader		2,000 00
Libraries		1,280 00
Old Age Assistance		900 00
Public Relief—Town Poor		300 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc., Old Home Day		10 00
Cemeteries		200 00
Advertising and Regional Associations		80 00
Payments on Debt—Principal	2,500 00	
Interest	150 00	2,650 00
Interest on temporary loans		50 00
County Tax		4,549 10
School Tax		16,746 13
Capital Reserve Fund—to be raised by taxation		100 00
Total Town and School Appropriations		\$40,796 87

Less: Estimated Revenues and Credits:

Interest and Dividends Tax	\$2,111 04
Savings Bank Tax	112 63
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of growing wood and timber	1,826 36
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,706 96
Dog Licenses	185 00

Business licenses and permits	10 00	
Rent of town property and equipment	46 00	
Int. on taxes & income from trust funds	70 55	
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Total Revenues and Credits		\$6,068 54
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		34,728 33
Plus Overlay		101 68
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Net Amount to be raised by Taxation		\$34,830 01
Less: Number 212 of poll taxes at \$2.00	\$424 00	
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		424 00
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Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		\$34,406 01
Taxes to be Committed to Collector:		
Tax Rates—Town \$4.14		
Property Taxes	\$34,406 01	
Poll Taxes at \$2.00	424 00	
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Total Taxes to be Committed		\$34,830 01

CERTIFICATE

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Date May 26, 1952.

LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT
SELECTMEN

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1932

Title of Appropriations	Appropriations	Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amt. Available	Expended	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers' Salaries	\$905 00		\$905 00	\$895 00	\$10 00	
Town Officers' Expenses	700 00		700 00	661 75	38 25	
Election and Registration	150 00		150 00	173 40		\$23 40
Town Hall and Other Buildings	400 00		400 00	589 20		189 20
Police Department	100 00		100 00	97 25	2 75	
Fire Department	700 00	\$118 44	818 44	800 00	18 44	
Forest Fires	200 00		200 00	750 91		550 91
Blister Rust	400 00		400 00	400 00		
Insurance	400 00		400 00	450 15		50 15
Vital Statistics	20 00		20 00	8 75	11 25	
Town Dump	150 00		150 00	150 00		
Highways—Winter	\$2,500 00					
Summer	2,500 00					
General	400 00					
T. R. A.	5,400 00	1,551 00	6,951 00	7,315 75		364 75
Reid's Road	812 64		812 64	812 64		
Tarring Part of Bible Hill Road	500 00	280 80	780 80	1,152 66		371 86
Street Lighting	250 00		250 00	253 08		3 08
Libraries	594 00		594 00	594 00		
Town Poor	1,280 00		1,280 00	1,280 00		
Old Age Assistance	300 00	50 00	350 00	188 96	161 04	
Memorial Day	900 00		900 00	820 17	79 83	
Cemeteries	10 00		10 00	148 29	10 00	
Civil Defense	200 00		200 00	25 20	51 71	
Monadnock Region	100 00		100 00	80 00	74 80	
Auto Permits	80 00		80 00	142 50	7 50	
Interest on Temporary Loans	150 00		150 00	44 11	5 89	
Interest on Demand Notes	50 00		50 00	183 39		33 39
Principal of Debt	150 00		150 00	2,500 00		
Fire Truck Fund	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,500 00		
County Tax	100 00		100 00	100 00		
Grader Appropriation	4,549 10		4,549 10	4,549 10		
	2,000 00	1,000 00	9,650 00	9,650 00		
		6,650 00				
TOTALS	\$24,050 74	\$9,650 24	\$33,700 98	\$34,816 26	\$471 46	\$1,586 74
				Unexpended Balance	471 46	
				Overdraft		\$1,115 28

**Financial Report of the Town of Francestown
Hillsborough County for the Fiscal Year Ending
December 31, 1952**

ASSETS

Cash—In hands of treasurer	\$10,982 22	
(a) Tax Collector	2 58	
Fire Truck Fund	300 00	
Accounts Due to the Town:		
Due from State:		
(b) Bounties	12 25	
(c) Forest Fires	355 11	
Other bills due Town:		
(a) J. B. Reid, Road Construction	350 00	
Unredeemed Taxes:		
(b) Levy of 1951	140 25	
(c) Levy of 1950	39 33	
(d) Previous Years	294 11	
Uncollected Taxes:		
(a) Levy of 1952	4,161 78	
(b) Levy of 1951	96 13	
(c) Levy of 1950	28 93	
(e) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1952	200 00	
(f) State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	45 00	
Total Assets		\$17,007 69
Net Debt		\$3,320 86

Grand Total	\$20,328 55
Surplus, December 31, 1951	\$160 15
Surplus, December 31, 1952	\$3,160 71
Increase—Decrease of Debt	3,160 71
Notes issued on purchase of grader	6,650 00

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Town poor	\$161 04
Civil defense	74 80
Due to State:	
(a) State Head Taxes—1952	
(Uncollected)	\$190 00
(Collected)—not remitted to	
State Treasurer	706 58
	896 58
Due to School Districts:	
Balance of Appropriation	9,746 13
Capital Reserve Funds:	
(Offsets similar Asset Account)	300 00

Debt

Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Road and Bridge	500	00
Tarring Turnpike 2, \$500.00 notes due		
1953, 2, \$500.00 notes due 1954	2,000	00
Grader Notes \$1,330.00 due 1953, 1954,		
1955, 1956, 1957	6,650	00
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Total Liabilities		\$20,328 55

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
1. Property Taxes—Current Year	\$32,386	23
2. Poll Taxes—Regular at \$2.	336	00
5. State Head Taxes at \$5.	1,092	00
6. Total Current Year's Taxes		
collected and remitted		\$33,814 23
7. Property Taxes and Yield Taxes		
Previous Years	4,497	31
9. State Head Taxes at \$5.	55	00
10. Interest received on Taxes	303	24
11. Penalties on State Head Taxes	9	50
12. Tax sales redeemed	192	78
From State:		
13. For Highways and Bridges:		
(b) For Class V Highway maintenance	\$1,551	00
14. Interest and dividend tax	2,123	46
16. Savings Bank Tax	114	67
20. Fighting forest fire	40	68
21. Bounties	35	75
22. Reimbursement a/c Old Age		
Assistance	1,054	31
From Local Sources, Except Taxes:		
24. Dog Licenses	162	20
25. Business licenses	9	00
27. Rent of town property	94	00
33. Registration of motor vehicles, 1952		
permits	1,544	29
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:		
34. Temporary loans in anticipation		
of taxes during year	5,000	00
35. Long term notes during year	6,650	00
38. Refunds—Blister Rust	7	60
40. New Trust Funds received during		
year	300	00
41. Withdrawals from Capital Reserve		
Funds	1,000	00

42. Sale of town property	53 80
Timber Tax Security	551 08

Total Receipts Other than Current
Revenue

\$13,562 48

Total Receipts from All Sources
Cash on hand January 1, 1952

\$59,163 90

10,417 68

Grand Total

\$69,581 58

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:

1. Town officers' salaries	\$895 00
2. Town officers' expenses	661 75
3. Election and registration expenses	173 40
5. Expenses town hall and other town buildings	589 20

Protection of Persons and Property:

6. Police department	97 25
8. Fire department, including forest fires	1,550 91
9. Moth extermination—Blister Rust	400 00
10. Bounties	12 25
12. Insurance	450 15
13. Civil Defense	25 20

Health:

15. Vital statistics	8 75
17. Town dumps & garbage removal	150 00

Highways and Bridges:

Class 5 Highway Maintenance	946 92
18. Town Road Aid	812 64
19. Town Maintenance	
Summer	\$3,058 79
Winter	2,722 72
	5,781 51
20. Street lighting	594 00
21. General Expenses of Highway Dept.	587 32

Libraries:

22. Libraries	1,280 00
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Public Welfare:

23. Old age assistance	820 17
24. Town poor	188 96

Recreation:

28. Care of Common	91 46
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Public Service Enterprises:

30. Cemeteries	148 29
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Unclassified:

32. Auto Permits	142 50
33. Advertising & Regional Assn.	80 00
34. Taxes bought by town	152 78
35. Discounts, Abatements & Refunds	3 07
36. Refund to State a/c Yield Taxes	228 05
37. Timber Tax Security	719 51

Total Current Maintenance Expenses	\$1,183 41
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Interest:

38. Paid on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$44 11
39. Paid on long term notes	183 39

Total Interest Payments	\$227 50
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Outlay for New Construction,
Equipment & Permanent Improve.:

43. Highways & Bridges—Reid's Road	\$1,152 66
44. Bible Hill Road—tar	253 08
49. New equipment—Highway	9,650 00

Total Outlay Payments	\$11,055 74
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Indebtedness:

51. Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	\$5,000 00
52. Payments on long term notes	2,500 00
54. Payments to capital reserve funds	100 00
55. Payments to trustees of trust funds	300 00

Total Indebtedness Payments	\$7,900 00
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Payments to Other Gov. Div.:

56. State Head Taxes paid to State	
Treasurer 1951 Taxes	\$93 51
1952 Taxes	308 70
	\$402 21
57. Taxes paid to County	4,549 10
59. Payments to School Dist.	
1951 Tax	\$9,873 77

1952 Tax	7,000 00	16,873 77
Total Payments to Other Gov. Div.		\$21,825 08
Total Payments for all Purposes		\$58,599 36
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1952		10,982 22
Grand Total		\$69,581 58

Schedule of Town Property

DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1. Town Hall, lands and buildings	\$25,000 00
Furniture and equipment	500 00
2. Libraries, lands and buildings	5,000 00
Furniture and equipment	1,000 00
3. Police Dept., equipment	25 00
4. Fire Dept., lands and buildings	2,000 00
Equipment	5,000 00
5. Highway Dept., lands and buildings	150 00
Equipment	11,000 00
9. Schools, lands and buildings	10,000 00
Equipment	3,000 00
Town Dump land	100 00
Town Garage land	200 00
Forest Fire equipment	600 00
TOTAL	\$63,575 00

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date February 2, 1953.

LEON E. HOYT
CHARLES W. ABBOTT
FRANCIS W. ABBOTT

Selectmen

HERMAN C. MILLER Treasurer

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1952

Auto Permits: 285 Permits Issued		\$1,621 29
Dog Licenses: 12 female at \$5.00	\$60 00	
58 males & Spayed at \$2.00	116 00	
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	\$176 00	
Paid Out:		
Commission on 69 dogs at \$.20	13 80	
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		\$162 20
Pistol permits		4 00
Filing fees		5 00
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Total Receipts		\$1,792 49

Respectfully submitted,
 HERMAN C. MILLER
 TOWN CLERK

STATEMENT OF TAX COLLECTOR

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1950

	DR.	
Uncollected Dec. 31, 1952		\$40 78
	CR.	
Abatements allowed	\$11 85	
Uncollected	28 93	
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Total Credits		\$40 78

Levy of 1951

	DR.	
Uncollected Taxes Dec. 31, 1951		\$4,271 92
Interest Coll.		45 62
Cash on hand		38 00
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Total Debits		\$4,355 54
	CR.	
Remittances to Treasurer		\$4,322 54
Abatements		10 00
Uncollected		23 00
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Total Credits		\$4,355 54

TAX SALES REDEEMED

Levy of 1937, Edith E. Orff	\$113 95
Levy of 1937, Elmer C. Orff	14 21
Levy of 1938, Edith E. Orff	58 39
Levy of 1938, Elmer C. Orff	12 33
Levy of 1939, Edith E. Orff	43 54
Levy of 1939, Elmer C. Orff	13 01
Levy of 1940, Edith E. Orff	50 10
Levy of 1940, Elmer C. Orff	13 64
Levy of 1951, Steven Chase	14 78
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	\$333 95

STATEMENT OF TAX SALES

Levy of 1951

Louise Brock, tax cost int.	\$9 56
William P. Doyle, tax cost int.	14 78
Frank Putnam Est., tax cost int.	2 65
Herbert Wilson, tax cost int.	4 34
F. F. Foote & Son, tax cost int.	106 67

 \$138 00

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1951

DR.

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1951	\$90 00
Penalties Coll.	3 50
Cash on hand	5 50

Total Debits

 \$99 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head Taxes	\$35 00
Penalties	3 50
Cash on hand	5 50
Abatements	10 00
Uncollected	45 00

Total Credits

 \$99 00

STATE HEAD TAX

Levy of 1952

DR.

Original Warrant	\$1,245 00
Added Taxes	10 00

Total Commitments

 \$1,255 00

Penalties collected

5 00

Total Debits

 \$1,260 00

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:	
Head taxes	\$970 00
Penalties	5 00
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	\$975 00
Abatements	45 00
Uncollected	240 00

Total Credits

 \$1,260 00

YIELD TAX
Levy of 1952

	DR.		
Total Warrants		\$2141 56	
Total Debits			\$2,141 56
	CR.		
Remittances to treasurer		\$1,944 84	
Uncollected		196 72	
Total Credits			\$2,141 56

SUMMARY OF WARRANT
Levy of 1952

	DR.		
Warrant		\$34,830 01	
Added taxes		81 40	
Interest collected		2 09	
Total Debits			\$34,913 51
	CR.		
Remittances to Treasurer		\$30,765 75	
Abatements		20 14	
Uncollected		4,127 62	
Total Credits			\$34,913 51

Respectfully submitted,
RODNEY G. MILLS
 TAX COLLECTOR

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

Balance in Treasury January 1, 1952 \$10,417 69

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:		
1937 Interest and Cost after sale		\$58 59
1938 Interest and Cost after sale		31 10
1939 Interest and Cost after sale		23 77
1940 Interest and Cost after sale		25 46
1948 Property Tax		5 76
1949 Property Tax		5 73
1950 Poll Tax	\$2 00	
1950 Property Tax	14 50	
	<hr/>	\$16 50

1951 Poll Tax	\$72 00	
1951 Special Poll, Head Tax	56 00	
1951 Special Poll, Head Tax, Penalties	4 50	
1951 Property Tax	4,397 32	
1951 Interest	83 79	
	<hr/>	\$4,613 61

1952 Poll Tax	\$336 00	
1952 Special Poll, Head Tax	1,015 00	
1952 Special Poll, Head Tax, Penalties	4 00	
1952 Property Tax	32,386 23	
1952 Interest	3 03	
	<hr/>	\$33,744 26

Tax Sales Redeemed:		
1937	\$69 57	
1938	39 62	
1939	32 78	
1940	38 28	
1951	12 53	
	<hr/>	\$192 78

Herman C. Miller, Clerk:		
Auto Permits	\$1,621 29	
Dog Taxes	162 20	
Filing Fees	5 00	
Pistol Permits	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,792 49

Loans:		
Souhegan Nat'l Bank (Short Term)	\$5,000 00	
Souhegan Nat'l Bank (Long Term)	6,650 00	
	<hr/>	\$11,650 00

Rentals:

Town Hall	\$74 00	
Town Grader	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$94 00

Trust Funds:

Elias P. & Elias A. Bryant Cemetery Fund		\$300 00
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Timber Tax (Security):

Sidney D. Livingston	\$312 08	
L. A. Wright	50 00	
Eastern Pine Sales Corp.	189 00	
	<hr/>	\$551 08

State Treasurer:

Forest Fire	\$40 68	
Hedgehog Bounty	35 75	
Gas Tax	1,551 00	
Interest and Dividend Tax	2,123 46	
Savings Bank Tax	114 67	
Refund on Blister Rust	7 60	
Recovery Old Age Assistance:		
Mary and Willie Draper	1,035 31	
Charles H. Hoag	19 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,927 47

Unclassified:

George E. Kunhardt, Jr.,		
Culverts bought from town	\$28 80	
Hubert Blake, Sale of Cemetery Lot	25 00	
Trust es Trust Funds, Road Equipment:		
Capital Reserve Fund	1,000 00	
Trustees Trust Funds, Interest Road:		
Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	77 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,131 30

Total Receipts	\$69,581 58
Total Payments	58,599 36

Balance in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1952	\$10,982 22
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Respectfully submitted,
 HERMAN C. MILLER
 TREASURER

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Current Year Property Taxes	\$32,386 23
Current Year Poll Taxes	336 00
Property and Polls, Previous Years	4,497 31
Tax Sales Redeemed	192 78
Received from State	4,927 47
Dog Licenses	162 20
Pistol Permits	4 00
Filing Fees	5 00
Rent of Town Property	94 00
Interest	303 24
Motor Vehicle Registrations	1,544 29
Head Taxes and Penalties	1,156 50
Timber Tax Security	551 08
Temporary Loans	5,000 00
Grader Term Notes	6,650 00
Capital Reserve Fund (Road Equipment)	1,000 00
Sale of Culverts	28 80
Trust Funds	300 00
Sale of Cemetery Lot	25 00
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Total Receipts	\$59,163 90
Cash on hand January 1, 1952	10,417 68
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Grand Total	\$69,581 58

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$895 00
Town Officers' Expenses	661 75
Election and Registration	173 40
Forest Fires	750 91
Town Hall and Other Buildings	589 20
Police	97 25
Fire	800 00
Blister Rust	400 00
Bounties	12 25
Town Dump	150 00
Vital Statistics	8 75
Insurance	450 15
Summer Highways and Gas Money	4,005 71
Winter Highways	2,722 72
Reid's Road	1,152 66
Street Lighting	594 00
General Highway Expense	587 32
Libraries	1,280 00
Old Age Assistance	820 17
Town Poor	188 96
Civil Defense	25 20
Auto Permits	142 50
Common	91 46
Trust Funds	400 00
Cemeteries	148 29
Taxes Bought by Town	152 78
Refunds	3 07
T. R. A.	812 64
Special Tar Appro.	253 08
Timber Tax Security	719 51
Monadnock Region	80 00
New Equipment	9,650 00
Interest	227 50
Temporary Loans	5,000 00
Long Term Notes	2,500 00
County Tax	4,549 10
State Head Taxes	402 21
Timber Tax Reimbursement	228 05
1951-1952 School Appro.	9,873 77
1952-1953 School Appro.	7,000 00
Total Payments	<hr/> \$58,599 36
Cash on hand January 1, 1953	10,982 22
Grand Total	<hr/> \$69,581 58

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:

Leon E. Hoyt, selectman	\$225 00	
Charles W. Abbott, selectman	225 00	
Francis W. Abbott, selectman	225 00	
Herman C. Miller, town clerk & town treasurer	100 00	
Rodney G. Mills, tax collector	100 00	
Arthur J. Miller, overseer of poor	20 00	
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		\$895 00

Town Officers' Expenses:

Herman C. Miller, postage & envelopes	\$26 35	
N. H. Assessors Assn., 1952 Assessors dues	2 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., postage & town officers' bonds	83 63	
Wheeler & Clark, dog license tags	5 20	
Transcript Printing Co., printing town reports & adv. special meeting	360 40	
Donat Corriveau, returning deeds and mortgages	21 32	
Div. of Municipal Accounting, auditing town books	96 56	
Edward T. Flanagan, returning record of Estates	40	
Edson C. Eastman, town officers' supplies	16 60	
Ida M. Horner, 1952 Tax Collectors' dues	3 00	
Charles W. Abbott, postage, transportation, dinners	10 74	
Rodney G. Mills, rental of deposit box, postage	16 00	
Sargent Brothers, tax bills & envelopes	14 58	
Charles R. Hardy, 1952 town clerks dues	2 00	
Arthur J. Miller, checklists	1 00	
Branhan Printing Co., Auto Reference book	4 00	
Leon E. Hoyt, postage & envelopes	7 97	
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		\$666 84

Election and Registration:

Gunnar D. Isacson, 300 town ballots	\$14 00	
Arthur J. Miller, supervisor of checklist	21 00	
Victor L. White, election officer	5 00	
Norton R. Brown, election officer	16 00	
Edson C. Eastman, 12 checklists	5 40	
Vernon L. Phillips, services as moderator	20 00	
S. Erma Jones, election officer	8 00	
C. Gladys St. John, election officer	12 00	
Gladys C. Vadney, election officer	16 00	
William Basset, Jr., supervisor of checklist	32 00	
Rodney G. Mills, supervisor of checklist	24 00	
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		\$173 40

Forest Fires:

Victor L. White, Warden's meeting at New Boston, Mt. Crotched Fire Duties as Forest Fire Warden	\$415 21	
Town of Bennington, Mt. Crotched Fire	129 50	
Town of Antrim, Mt. Crotched Fire	182 20	
Edwin Mason, Mt. Crotched Fire	16 00	
Walter Blanchard, Mt. Crotched Fire	8 00	
	<hr/>	\$750 91

Town Hall and Other Buildings:

Howard Clock Products Inc., repairing Town Clock	\$166 50	
Herb Flanders, repairing Town Hall ceiling	197 40	
C. L. Haskell, fireproofing Town Hall stage curtains	40 00	
Herbert E. Young, repairing Town Hall lights	16 86	
Gladys C. Vadney, janitor at Town Hall	35 00	
Richard Miller, repairing water and furnace pipes	45 69	
Francestown Electric & Water Co., water for Town Hall	15 00	
Rodney G. Mills, care of Town Clock	13 00	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., coal for Town Hall	29 93	
F. H. Colburn & Co., broom for Town Hall	1 59	
Public Service Co. of N. H., Town Hall lights	28 23	
	<hr/>	\$589 20

Police:

Arthur J. Miller, care of tramps	\$4 00	
Victor L. White, police duties	65 25	
Norman J. Stewart, special police duty	10 00	
Royal S. Cleaves, special police duty	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$97 25

Fire:

Carpenter Manufacturing Co., bulbs for fire trucks	\$2 72	
N. H. State Firemen's Assoc., insurance on 33 men	33 00	
R. C. Johnson, Fire Dept., sign	35 00	
Francestown Volunteer Fire Co., battery (cash pd.)	18 50	
Joe Thompson, supplies	2 63	
Preston Coal & Coke Co., oxygen tanks	3 50	
Merrimack Farmers' Ex. Inc., cement for Fire House	7 02	
Stuart F. Clark, ins. on resuscitator	18 75	
Fire Engineering, subscription to Fire Engineering	3 50	
Norman J. Stewart, anti-freeze, tele.	3 10	
Hafeli Fuel & Ice Co., coal for Fire House	82 51	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies	22 27	
American Fire Equipment Co., part payment on resuscitator	268 98	
I. H. Vadney, gasoline for trucks	7 19	
Arthur J. Miller, care of Fire House, shoveling out waterholes	130 45	
James A. Coffin, supplies	48 20	
C. H. Cragin & Son, labor and repairs on trucks	42 53	
Public Service Co. of N. H., fire house lights	21 15	
Robert Smith, care of Fire House	49 00	
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		\$800 00

Blister Rust:

William Messick, Jr., 1952 Blister Rust Appro.	\$400 00	
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		\$400 00

Bounties:

Charles Murdo, 19 hedgehog heads at \$.25	\$4 75	
Francis W. Abbott, 7 hedgehog heads at \$.25	1 75	
Charles W. Abbott, 12 hedgehog heads at \$.25	3 00	
Leon E. Hoyt, 11 hedgehog heads at \$.25	2 75	
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		\$12 25

Town Dump:

Carl E. Cil'ey, care and burning of dump	\$114 05	
H. A. Varnum, bulldozing	12 00	
Ray Road Equip. Co., fork & signs	5 95	
Herbert Dunlap, cutting brush	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

Vital Statistics:

S. Fraser M.D., recording births and deaths	\$1 25	
Herman C. Miller, recording vital statistics	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$8 75

Insurance:

Farm Bureau Mutual, ins. on tractor	\$44 40	
F. H. Colburn & Co., Liability ins.	99 52	
Levi M. Bixby, Library insurance	114 30	
Stuart F. Clark, Grader insurance	72 38	
Stuart F. Clark, Liability insurance	104 18	
Stuart F. Clark, ins. on town help	15 37	
	<hr/>	\$450 15

Highway Account:

T. E. Bixby, Road Agent, Winter Highway payrolls	\$2,062 07	
R. S. Cleaves, Road Agent, Summer, Winter, Gas and General Highway Expense, payrolls	5,253 68	
	<hr/>	\$7,315 75

Street Lighting:

Public Service Co. of N. H., street lights	\$594 00	
	<hr/>	\$594 00

Library:

George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library, 1952 appro. . .	\$1,280 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,280 00

Old Age Assistance:

State Treasurer	\$820 17	
	<hr/>	\$820 17

Town Poor:

I. H. Vadney, groceries for Marion Johnson	\$5 00	
S. Fraser M.D., medical services for Bertha McConnell	55 00	
Grace Donnell, nursing care for Bertha McConnell	35 00	
Woodbury Funeral Home, burial expense for Bertha McConnell	75 00	
F. H. Colburn & Co., supplies for Otis Higgins	4 00	
I. H. Vadney, supplies for Charles Champagne	14 96	
	<hr/>	\$188 96

Civil Defense:

A. Lawrence E Co., 1 canvas litter	\$10 50	
Paul Bradbury, express on litter	2 20	
Felt Crafters, arm bands and pouches	2 55	
State of N. H., supplies for Civil Defense	9 95	
	<hr/>	\$25 20

Auto Permits:

Herman C. Miller	\$142 50	
	<hr/>	\$142 50

Care of Common:

Arthur J. Miller, care of common	\$73 64	
C. H. Cragin & Son, repairs on lawn mower	10 32	
Daniel's Garage, sharpening lawn mower	2 50	
N. H. Dept. of Agriculture, repairs on town scales	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 46

Trust Funds:

Trustees of Trust Funds, Fire truck fd.	\$100 00	
Trustees of Trust Funds, Elias P. & Elias A. Bryant, Cemetery fund	300 00	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

Cemeteries:

Rodney G. Mills, care of cemeteries	\$148 29	
	<hr/>	\$148 29

Taxes Bought by Town:

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector:

	Tax	Int.	Cost	
Louise Brock	\$7 00	\$ 31	\$2 25	\$9 56
William Doyle	12 00	53	2 25	14 78
Frank Putnam Est.	40		2 25	2 65
Herbert Wilson	2 00	09	2 25	4 34
Stephen Chase	12 00	53	2 25	14 78
F. F. Foote & Sons	100 00	4 42	2 25	106 67
				<u> </u>
				\$152 78

Refunds:

George M. Foster, refund on auto permit	\$2 00	
Herman C. Miller, bank discount	1 07	
	<u> </u>	\$3 07

Interest:

First National Bank of Peterborough, interest on term notes	\$108 76	
Souhegan National Bank, interest on term notes	74 63	
Souhegan National Bank, interest on temporary loans	44 11	
	<u> </u>	\$227 50

T. R. A.:

State Treasurer, T. R. A.	\$812 64	
	<u> </u>	\$812 64

Special Tar Appro.:

Trimount Bituminous Co., tar for Bible Hill Road	\$253 08	
	<u> </u>	\$253 08

Timber Tax Security:

Rodney G. Mills, Tax Collector, timber tax security	\$719 51	
	<u> </u>	\$719 51

Monadnock Region:

Monadnock Region Assoc., 1952 Appro.	\$80 00	
	<u> </u>	\$80 00

New Equipment:

Casselleni Venable Corp., Caterpillar Grader	\$9,650 00	
	<u> </u>	\$9,650 00

Temporary Loans:

Souhegan National Bank, temporary loan	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00
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Long Term Notes:

First National Bank of Peterborough:

Fire Escape Note	\$500 00	
Turnpike Note	500 00	
Bridge & Road Note	1,500 00	\$2,500 00

County Tax:

Hillsborough County, county tax	\$4,549 10	\$4,549 10
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State of N. H.:

Timber tax reimbursement	\$228 05	
1951 head taxes	93 51	
1952 head taxes	308 70	\$630 26

School District:

Bernice E. Miller, School Treas. Bal.:

1951-1952 school appro.	\$9,873 77	
1952-1953 school appro.	7,000 00	\$16,873 77

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

First National Bank of Peterborough:

Greenfield Bridge and Road Note	\$500 00
2-\$500.00 Turnpike Notes due in 1953	1,000 00
2-\$500.00 Turnpike Notes due in 1954	1,000 00

Souhegan National Bank:

5-Grader Notes of \$1,330.00 each due in 1953-1954-1955-1956-1957	6,650 00
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Total Long Term Notes	\$9,150 00
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ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

Winter:

R. S. Cleaves and truck	\$226 79	
T. E. Bixby and truck	94 50	
H. A. Varnum and truck	63 75	
H. E. Worcester	14 00	
C. Foote	41 00	
R. Smith	36 00	
Casellini-Veneble Corp.	29 45	
Norman's Garage	8 75	
Merrimack Farmers' Ex.	49 00	
Central Petroleum Co.	82 61	
Income tax	14 80	
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		\$660 65

Summer:

R. S. Cleaves and truck	\$643 92	
T. E. Bixby and truck	26 40	
H. A. Varnum, tractor and truck	221 63	
H. E. Worcester	12 00	
L. Rainey	7 50	
G. Rhoades	106 88	
Clayton Foote	7 50	
Otis Higgins	25 63	
R. Smith	5 50	
H. Dunlap	20 50	
E. H. Edwards	20 00	
Ace Construction Co.	15 61	
C. Champagne	30 00	
Income tax	9 60	
W. A. Lord	7 00	
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		\$1,159 67

Summer—Gravel:

R. S. Cleaves and truck	\$221 13
George Daniels	143 55
George Houghton	163 35
Leslie Towers	29 70
Willard Archibald	284 00
C. Champagne	75 00
C. Cilley	38 40
C. Foote	47 50
C. F. Cornwall	75 90
Dana Hill	20 00
C. D. Abbott	33 00
C. C. Jones	10 00
W. Cole	60 00

O. P. Harwood	32 50	
C. O. Philbrick	6 10	
C. A. Mann	45 00	
F. H. Colburn	10 85	
Joe Thompson	43 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,338 98

General:		
Joe Thompson	\$12 00	
C. H. Cragin	49 05	
Ray Road Equipment	17 80	
L. H. Vadney	70 25	
R. C. Hazelton Co.	240 90	
Monadnock Lumber Co.	7 50	
F. H. Colburn	13 26	
	<hr/>	\$410 76

Gas Tax:		
State of N. H., Calcium chloride	\$171 24	
R. S. Cleaves and truck	605 29	
C. Champagne	200 80	
W. Cole	168 04	
Ray Road Equipment	5 90	
Ace Construction Co.	27 68	
Daniels Garage	70 33	
Larry Abbott	5 25	
Casellini-Veneble Corp.	7 87	
L. H. Vadney	201 96	
N. Stewart	7 50	
Brad Cleaves	18 35	
Sheet Metal Specialties	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$1,498 71

Reid's Road:		
R. S. Cleaves and truck	\$110 20	
Norman Stewart	13 75	
C. Champagne	56 88	
R. Cutter, Jr.	3 75	
Brad Cleaves	3 75	
Trimount Bituminous	964 33	
	<hr/>	\$1,152 66

Special Appropriation:		
Tarring hill by Firehouse, labor supplied from the T. R. A. Fund		
Trimount Bituminous	\$253 08	
	<hr/>	\$253 08

Respectfully submitted,
 ROYAL S. CLEAVES
 ROAD AGENT

DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION
Concord, New Hampshire

January 23, 1953

Board of Selectmen
Francestown, New Hampshire

Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is the report of the annual audit and examination of the accounts of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, which was made by this Division in accordance with the vote of the Town. Exhibits as hereafter listed are included as part of the report.

SCOPE OF AUDIT

Included in the examination and audit were the accounts and records of the Board of Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Library Treasurer and Trustees of Trust Funds.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Comparative Balance Sheets: Dec. 31, 1951-Dec. 31, 1952:
(Exhibit A)

Comparative Balance Sheets as of December 31, 1951 and December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibit A. As indicated therein the financial condition of the Town changed from a Surplus of \$203.15 to a Net Debt of \$3,972.70 during the year 1952.

Analysis of Change in Financial Condition: (Exhibit B)

An analysis of the change in financial condition of the Town during the year is made in Exhibit B, with the factors which caused the change indicated therein. These were as follows:

Increases in Net Debt

Long Term Notes Issued	\$6,650 00	
Budget Deficit	68 91	
	<hr/>	\$6,718 91

Decreases in Net Debt

Long Term Notes Paid	\$2,500 00	
Adjustment a/c Unredeemed Taxes—		
Balance of December 31, 1951	40 06	
Tax Collector's Excess Remittance	2 00	
Increase in Cash in Hands of Tax		
Collector a/c Head Tax Penalties	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,543 06
Change in Financial Condition		<hr/> \$4,175 85

**Comparative Statements of Appropriations and
Expenditures—Estimated and Actual Revenues:**
(Exhibits C & D)

Comparative statements of appropriations and expenditures, estimated and actual revenues for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, are presented in Exhibits C and D. As indicated by the budget summary (Exhibit D), a net overdraft of appropriations of \$606.66, less a net revenue surplus of \$537.75, resulted in a net budget deficit of \$68.91.

Summary of Receipts and Expenditures: (Exhibit E)

A summary of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, made up in accordance with the uniform classification of accounts, is included in Exhibit E. Proof of the Treasurer's balance as of December 31, 1952, is indicated in Exhibit F.

AUDIT PROCEDURE

The accounts and records of all town officials charged with the custody, receipt and disbursement of public funds were examined and audited. Vouchers and cancelled checks were compared with supporting invoices and payrolls as well as entries in the books of record. Receipts were checked by source insofar as possible and totals of receipts and expenditures verified. Book balances were verified by comparison with reconciled bank balances made from statements obtained from depository banks. Verification of uncollected taxes was made by mailing notices to delinquent taxpayers as indicated by the Collector's records.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Tax Collector's Records:

More attention should be given by the Collector to the matter of accuracy in the tax accounts and records. This applies particularly to:

(1) The certainty that every tax which is received is properly entered in the cash book.

(2) That every tax which is received and entered in the cash book is posted to the proper account in the warrant book.

Considerable time which the auditors spend could be saved if the tax accounting was improved. A resultant saving to the Town in the cost of the annual audit would also be effected.

Uncollected and Unredeemed Taxes—Prior Years:

In our report of last year's audit the recommendation was made that the lists of uncollected and unredeemed taxes on tax warrants and tax sale accounts extending back over a period of ten or more years be carefully gone over by the Selectmen and Tax Collector. It was further recommended that abatement be

made of such accounts as seemed to be uncollectible and that tax deeds be issued to the Town by the Collector in cases where the two year redemption period had elapsed.

It is noted that all uncollected taxes on the warrants of 1949 and prior years were either collected or abated in 1952. Attention should be given to the matter of unredeemed taxes this year.

Conclusion:

With exceptions as noted herein the accounts of all town officials were found in good condition and the accounting procedure was in accordance with prescribed methods.

The provisions of Section 31, Chapter 211, of the Laws of 1939, require that this report or a summary of its essential features shall be published in the next annual town report.

Our thanks is extended to the officials of the Town of Frankestown for their assistance during the course of the audit.

Yours very truly,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
Edgar O. Pesquera, Accountant

EXHIBIT K TOWN OF FRANCESTOWN Town Officers' Surety Bonds, 1952

	Amount	Term Beginning
Town Clerk:		
Herman C. Miller:		
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.	\$600 00	Mar. 11, 1952
Town Treasurer:		
Herman C. Miller:		
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.	\$5,000 00	Mar. 11, 1952
Tax Collector:		
Rodney G. Mills:		
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.	\$4,700 00	Mar. 11, 1952
Chief of Police:		
Victor L. White:		
Mass. Bonding & Insurance Co.	\$500 00	Mar. 11, 1952
Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Kathleen F. Johnson	\$2,000 00	Mar. 14, 1950
Paul T. Bradbury	\$2,000 00	Mar. 13, 1951
Rodney G. Mills	\$2,000 00	Mar. 11, 1952
(All) Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance Co.		

January 23, 1953

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have audited the accounts and records of the Town of Francestown for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952; and, subject to exceptions as noted in the report, found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the Town as of December 31, 1952, together with the results of operations for the period under review.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. FOWLER, Director
Division of Municipal Accounting
State Tax Commission

C. David Sullivan, Auditor
Edgar O. Pesquera, Accountant

GEORGE HOLMES BIXBY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

BUDGET

The following estimated budgets are submitted to provide for expenses from March to the following March. Actual receipts and expenditures as submitted to the selectmen are from January 1, 1952 to December 31, 1952.

	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
	MARCH	MARCH
	1952-53	1953-54
Librarian's salary and assistance	\$450 00	\$450 00
Janitor and cleaning	60 00	75 00
Books	400 00	475 00
Magazines	60 00	60 00
Fuel	220 00	240 00
Supplies	10 00	36 00
New Equipment	25 00	100 00
Repairs (internal)	50 00	75 00
Bank Charges	5 00	10 00
Total	\$1,280 00	\$1,521 00

FINANCIAL REPORT 1952

Receipts:

January 1 to December 31:

Balance on hand	\$256 57	
Town appropriation	1,280 00	
Gifts (to Trustees):		
Improvement Society	75 00	
Annual Bridge Party	147 45	
Interests on Trust Funds	68 26	
Total Receipts		\$1,827 28

Expenditures:

Fuel	\$220 19
Librarian's Salary and assistance	441 70
Books	585 87
Bank Charges	6 25
Magazines	90 75

Cleaning and Janitor	66 55	
Installation of lights (labor)	7 80	
New equipment	35 00	
Repairs	3 80	
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Total Expenditures		\$1,457 91
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December 31, 1952, Balance on hand		\$369 37
ELEANOR G. CUTTER		
HENRY B. HILL		
ARNOLD B. BAILEY, Trustees		

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN
January 1, 1952 to January 1, 1953

Fine Account:		
Received from gifts	\$10 00	
Received from junk	8 37	
Received from fines	31 50	
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Total receipts		\$49 87
Paid for:		
Books	\$44 94	
Supplies	3 64	
Postage	1 20	
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Total expenses		\$49 78
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1953		\$ 09
Circulation of books and magazines:		
Fiction	1,751	
Non-fiction	1,614	
Juvenile	4,091	
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Total books		7,456
Magazines		1,728
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Total circulation		9,184

Magazines subscribed to by the Library:

American Home, Better Homes and Gardens, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Ladies' Home Journal, Open Road for Boys, American Girl, Readers' Digest, Popular Science, Popular

Mechanics, Saturday Evening Post, Science News Letter, Life, Time, National Geographic, Yankee, Antiques, Story Parade, Horn Book, Audubon Magazine.

Gift subscriptions:

Our Dumb Animals, from Mrs. Packer; Jack and Jill, from Miss Rand; New Hampshire Profiles, from Mr. Arthur Holt; Wee Wisdom, Junior National History and Child Life, from C. M. Lord.

Books and magazines were given by the following persons:

Bette Murphy, Mrs. Steffian, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Langmaid, Mr. Wright, Ernest Elliott, Mrs. Roger E. Morse, Mrs. Dana Hill, Mrs. Lela Place, Mrs. Emma Place, Mrs. Wason, Prof. E. B. Hill, Mrs. Cora Patch, Miss Blanchette, Mrs. Catherine Park, Mrs. Frances P. Keyes, Mrs. Bosworth, Miss Rand, Mrs. Packer, Mrs. Hawkins, Miss McKinlay, Mr. Gray, Miss Ruth Shattuck, Dr. Place, Mr. Henry B. Hill, W. A. Lord, Miss Hall.

The annual card party, in charge of Mrs. McAdam and Mrs. William Basset, netted \$147.45. The Improvement Society stretched the Doll Fund collected Labor Day (the doll given by Prof. E. B. Hill as usual) to \$75. These two sums greatly helped the book account.

From the State Library we borrowed this year 353 books; the Bookmobile leaves about 75 books every two or three months.

There have been at least 313 individuals who have used the Library during the year. Many books are shared and exchanged without record, and there have been visitors from as far away as Texas asking for information about their ancestors. Australia is a new continent to provide us with visitors.

We have had the usual gift of \$20 for special books, and Mrs. Harold Case gave \$15 for children's books in memory of her son, David Kirk Case.

The Library premises were much improved by the Village Cleaning Bee, and an old set of book shelves has been remodeled by William Lord to fit special needs in the Reading Room.

Two days of meetings held by the N. H. Library Association at Exeter in May were attended by the Librarian who brought home, in addition to book news, gifts for our Library from Miss Brackett, Librarian of N. H. University: a silk exhibit, a Digger Pine cone, and a book on elephants for the Children's Room.

An antique bottle with original petroleum has been given by Mr. Frank Simons of Goffstown to the historical collection; an old pottery pitcher from the Garvin Sleeper farm was given by Mr. Harold Todd of New Boston.

The books and equipment of most consequence belonging to the old Academy have been selected by the Librarian and Mrs.

Arnold Bailey for preservation in the Academy Room upstairs in the Library. The need for this room has been obvious, and money provided by the Improvement Society for the operation of the Historical Rooms was used to paint, paper and repair the corner room. This project was carried out with the cooperation of the Academy Trustees, the Improvement Society and the Library. Mr. William Bowman especially prepared a box of minerals from the Academy collection.

The Girl Scouts have been using the Mary Willard Room for their meetings and have named their troupe for Mary Willard, the town's first Librarian. Mr. Ewing's logic and ethics classes have also held their meetings at the Library.

For the Labor Day exhibit there were many beautiful costumes and objects of art lent by Prof. Robert Williams who was recently in Japan, and by Miss Rand and Mr. Mace whose loans represented the Balkans, the Far East and Italy. Paintings were lent by Mr. Simons and Mrs. Wakefield of Goffstown. Miss Ruth Whittier of Concord lent a portion of her large collection of foreign dolls. There are still on display many of the photographs of Other Days collected and mounted by Mrs. Brous, and there are recent photographs of the Daniel Webster Rock in a field now owned by Mr. Rodney Mills. From this rock Webster made a famous speech in 1840.

The Spring Book Festival was celebrated with an exhibition of the covers from the best children's books of recent years. Judy Mace arranged a May Pole with Horn Book magazines, and Tommy Bixby made an original poster illustrating "The Trolley Car Family."

Respectfully submitted,
CAROLINE M. LORD, Librarian

FRANCESTOWN IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY

The weather finally frowned on a Labor Day but an early start and a good crowd made for another successful Carnival. "Fashions on Parade" brought out a long list of parade entries with the top prize going to Mrs. Granville Evans' float. The Peterborough Band again furnished music for the parade and a concert on the Common, and Ralph Page played for the annual dance in the Town Hall. A Junior League baseball game with Peterborough was an added attraction and boosted the attendance and profits.

The appreciation of the Society is extended to all who so generously contributed their time, talents and White Elephants to the success of the project.

The baseball field was substantially improved this year by the combined efforts of the Baseball Club and the Boys Club with the assistance of many parents by their donations of labor and equipment. The Society made its major appropriation of the year for gravel and loam used to grade the playing surface. While the field was made playable this season, much remains to be done to provide a first class diamond. It is hoped we can again combine our efforts next year to continue progress on this project.

A community effort to increase the attractiveness of the Village was initiated with a Clean Up day in August. Trash barrels were placed throughout the compact for depositing litter and improving our general housekeeping.

Other appropriations were made for the annual Christmas Party, Girls State representative, the American Red Cross, the Historical Society, upkeep of the Common, new books for the Library and the lighting of the Library.

The Village Improvement Society is truly a community activity and everyone is cordially invited to attend the meetings and to participate in our activities. It is only through the combined efforts of a large membership that we can function effectively and provide a part of the funds required for needed Village activities and projects.

W. C. MACADAM, President
G. H. EVANS, Vice President
R. C. CUTTER, Treasurer
ELIZABETH WEIDERHOLD, Secretary

Feb. 4, 1953

FOREST FIRE WARDEN'S REPORT

TEAM WORK WILL DO THE JOB

Team work has won victories from time immemorial—for families, towns, cities, states and nations. Team work is the highest form and most democratic example of cooperation. Without team work, America and Americans would never have achieved the greatness that is theirs. We are all aware of its power and appeal. It is no less needed now than in the past.

Team work among those who live, work and recreate in and near the woodlands, is vital. There never was a time when our woodlands as a whole were in such precarious condition as they are now.

Since the hurricane, nearly 900,000 acres of slash have been added to our already sizeable slash problem. If we are to avoid unnecessary trouble with fire in our woodland areas everyone must cooperate—we must have team work. The remedy is simple—

YOU AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU

MUST secure the required permit from your local forest fire warden before burning.

MUST use necessary precautions while burning or smoking in or near woodlands.

MUST not throw lighted cigars, cigarettes and matches from vehicles moving along highways.

Otherwise YOU might well contribute to a costly and damaging fire. And don't forget that fire might destroy your own property!

REMEMBER—Only YOU and YOU and YOU can prevent fire!

GUY O. HOLLIS

District Chief

SCHOOL REPORT

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator, Mr. Harry A. Loebel	March 1953
Clerk, Mrs. Bernice E. Miller	March 1953
Treasurer, Mrs. Bernice E. Miller	June 1953
Truant Officer, Mrs. C. Gladys St. John	March 1953
Auditor, Mrs. Eleanor G. Cutter	March 1953

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, Chairman & Secretary	March 1953
Mr. Harold Varnum	March 1954
Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt	March 1955

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Newell J. Paire

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1952-53

Mr. Robert Piper, Principal, Grades 5, 6, 7, 8
Miss Hazel Clement, Grades 1, 2, 3, 4
Miss Ethelyn Edwards, Music Supervisor

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Louisa Murphy, R. N.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952-53:

January 5, 1953 to February 20	7 weeks
March 2 to April 17	7 weeks
April 28 to June 12	7 weeks

Holidays: Memorial Day May 30 (a Saturday)

1953-54:

School opens Sept. 9, 1953—Closes Nov. 25, one session, 12:15
School opens Nov. 30, 1953—Closes December 18
School opens Jan. 4, 1954—Closes February 19
School opens March 1, 1954—Closes April 23
School opens May 3, 1954—Closes June 18

Holidays:

Armistice Day Nov. 11, one session 12:15
Memorial Day May 31
Teachers' Convention October 15 and 16
Total number school weeks 37
Total number school days 180

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of
Francestown qualified to vote in district affairs:**

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 6th day of March 1953, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to become a member of the Cooperative High School District No. 2 (Grades 7-12) as laid out by the State Board of Education comprising the School Districts of Francestown, Greenfield, Sharon, Peterborough, Jaffrey, Temple and Hancock, or take any necessary action relating thereto.
9. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from state equalization fund together with other income, the

school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Francestown this 28th day of January 1953.

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
HAROLD A. VARNUM
WINNIFRED HOYT

School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
HAROLD A. VARNUM
WINNIFRED HOYT

School Board

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

A. Administration:

1. Salaries of District Officer:

Winnifred C. Hoyt	\$40 00	
C. Gladys St. John	30 00	
Harold Varnum	38 00	
Bernice Miller	27 60	
		\$135 60

2. Superintendent's Salary:

Fred Nelson, Treas. Sup. Union No. 63	\$380 25	\$380 25
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3. Tax for State Wide Supervision

	\$152 00
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4. Truant Officer & School Census:

C. Gladys St. John	\$12 00	\$12 00
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5. Supplies and Expenses of Administration:

Fred Nelson, Treas. Sup. Union No. 63	\$241 83	
Edson C. Eastman	19 84	
Supervisory Union No. 63	11 97	
Bernice Miller	7 25	
		\$280 89

B. Instruction:

6. Principal's and Teachers' Salaries:

Sidney Moore	\$451 43	
Robert Piper	1,669 55	
Hazel Clement	1,959 55	
Ethelyn Edwards	253 74	
Collector of Internal Revenue	775 30	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board	357 13	
N. H. & Vt. Hospital Service	7 20	
Nina Abbott	285 00	
		\$5,758 90

7. Textbooks & Other Instructional Aids:

D. C. Heath & Co.	\$30 22	
Noble and Noble Pub. Co.	6 67	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	7 20	
Ginn and Company	6 47	
O. H. Toothaker	5 03	
Row, Peterson & Co.	12 67	
Allyn and Bacon Inc.	35 24	
University of New Hampshire	4 50	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	112 45	
L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	19 90	
Rand McNally & Co.	36 24	
		\$276 59

8. Scholars' Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Co.	\$92 74	
Estate of James Melzer	10 00	
D. C. Heath & Co.	7 12	
F. A. Owen Pub. Co.	4 00	
Bostitch Northeast Inc.	1 30	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	2 40	
Silver Burdett & Co.	8 98	
Houghton Mifflin Co.	14 55	
Allyn & Bacon	40 65	
Rand McNally & Co.	10 27	
L. W. Singer Co., Inc.	46 50	
Milton Bradley Co.	62 05	
Row, Peterson & Co.	10 14	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	107 53	
Supervisory Union No. 63	19 68	
Charles Scribner's Sons	6 79	
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	12 16	
Edward E. Babb Co.	27 42	
The Continental Press	3 58	
Ginn & Co.	7 90	
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		\$495 76

10. Other Expenses of Instruction:

Row, Peterson & Co.	\$2 39	
Robert M. Piper	8 49	
J. L. Hammett Co.	2 69	
Scholastic Magazines	15 00	
American Education Press	22 00	
The Grolier Society Inc.	10 50	
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		\$61 07

C. Operation of School Plant:

11. Janitor Service:

Richard Miller	\$400 00	
C. Gladys St. John	34 00	
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		\$434 00

12. Fuel:

Draper Fuel Co.	\$334 54	\$334 54
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13. Water, Light and Janitor Supplies:

Francetown Electric & Water Co.	\$24 56	
Pioneer Manufacturing Co.	3 83	
Southwestern N. H. Transportation	5 06	
D. F. Munroe Co.	51 00	
Wilton School District	11 50	
West Disinfecting Co.	48 40	
Public Service Co. of N. H.	89 34	
Richard Miller	3 75	
Joslin Hardware Co.	9 15	
F. H. Colburn & Co.	5 19	

C. B. Dolge Co.	22 42	
Edward E. Babb Co.	3 45	
J. L. Hammett Co.	24 05	
	<hr/>	\$301 70

D. Maintenance of School Plant:

14. Minor Repairs and Expenses:

Andrew J. Rajaniemi	\$434 00	
Wilton Lumber Co.	6 52	
Monadnock Lumber Co.	88 04	
J. L. Hammett Co.	23 84	
Richard Miller	2 46	
Wilton Plumbing & Heating Corp.	36 00	
Donald Hoyt	15 00	
Norton Brown	13 50	
Joslin Hardware Co.	22	
The Garland Co.	29 25	
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E. Auxiliary Activities:

15. Health Supervision:

Louise Murphy, R. N.	\$186 28	
Fredrika Moore	30 00	
National Education Association	4 12	
Clukay Pharmacy	3 64	
Edson C. Eastman Co.	3 10	
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board	13 72	
	<hr/>	\$240 86

16. Transportation:

Arthur Lord	\$1,261 40	
Yvonne Creighton	712 00	
Franklin Hadley	165 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,138 40

17. Tuition:

Peterborough School District	\$3,013 88	
New Boston School District	660 00	
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18. Special Activities:

University of New Hampshire	\$42 60	
Philip Morris & Co.	14 86	
William L. Nutting Inc.	33 05	
N. H. School Board Association	3 00	
Milton Bradley Co.	10 30	
Graphic School Supply Co.	6 21	
J. L. Hammett Co.	5 68	
The Art Center	2 83	
N. H.-Vt. Hospitalization Service	66 30	
Collector of Internal Revenue	60 70	
	<hr/>	\$245 53

18a. School Lunch		\$952 47
F. Fixed Charges:		
19. Teachers' Retirement		
N. H. Teachers' Retirement Board		\$347 43
20. Insurance, Bonds & Expenses:		
F. H. Colburn Co.	\$219 00	
Levi Bixby	140 00	
Stuart F. Clark	15 00	
G. A. Reynolds	5 00	
		\$379 00
G. Capital Outlay:		
23. Equipment:		
Orvel B. Peirce Co.	\$89 90	
Norton R. Brown	96 37	
Miller Paper Co.	4 00	
Supervisory Union No. 63	42 54	
Sandwich School District	180 00	
T. R. Langdell	180 00	
		\$592 81
H. Debt and Interest:		
25. Payment on Principal of Debt:		
Souhegan National Bank	\$500 00	\$500 00
26. Payment of Interest on Debt:		
Souhegan National Bank	\$93 75	\$93 75
Total Payments for all Purpose		\$18,436 26
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		1,531 69
Grand Total		\$19,967 95

Respectfully submitted,
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
 HAROLD VARNUM
 WINNIFRED C. HOYT
 School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952

SUMMARY

A. Administration:	
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$147 60
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	380 25

3. Tax for State Wide Supervision	152 00	
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel	241 83	
5. Supplies and Expenses	39 06	
B. Instruction:		
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,772 62	
7. Books and Other Instructional Aids	276 59	
8. Scholars' Supplies	495 76	
10. Supplies and Expenses	61 07	
C. Operation of School Plant:		
11. Janitor's Salary	434 00	
12. Fuel and Heat	334 54	
13. Water, light, supplies & expenses	301 70	
D. Maintenance of School Plant:		
14. Repairs and Replacements	648 83	
E. Auxiliary Activities:		
15. Health Supervision	227 14	
16. Transportation	2,138 40	
17. Tuition	3,673 88	
18. Special Activities & Special Funds	245 53	
18a. School Lunch	952 47	
F. Fixed Charges:		
19. Teacher Retirement	347 43	
20. Insurance	379 00	
G. Capital Outlay:		
23. New Equipment	592 81	
H. Debt and Interest:		
25. Principal of Debt	500 00	
26. Interest on Debt	93 75	
Total Payments for All Purposes		\$18,436 26
Cash on hand at end of year, June 30, 1952		\$1,531 69
Grand Total		\$19,967 95

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	\$452 47
Equalization and Emergency:	
Local Taxation	17,873 77

Other Sources:		
Elementary School Tuitions	540 00	
Other	129 68	
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Total Receipts from All Sources		\$18,995 92
Cash on Hand at beginning of Year		
July 1, 1951		972 03
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Grand Total		\$19,967 95

Respectfully submitted,
 C. GLADYS ST. JOHN
 HAROLD A. VARNUM
 WINNIFRED HOYT

School Board

SCHOOL LUNCH REPORT

RECEIPTS

National School Lunch Reimbursement	\$452 47	
Receipts from sale of lunches	1,508 85	
District appropriation	500 00	
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		\$2,461 32
Cash on hand July 1, 1951		4 94
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Grand Total		\$2,466 26

PAYMENTS

Food	\$1,142 66	
Labor	882 00	
Equipment	11 20	
All Other	60 30	
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		\$2,096 16
Cash on hand June 30, 1952		370 10
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		\$2,466 26

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952

SUMMARY

Cash on Hand July 1, 1951		\$972 03
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	\$17,873 77	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Funds	452 47	
Received from tuitions	540 00	
Received from all Other Sources	129 68	
Total Receipts		<u>\$18,995 92</u>
Total amount available for fiscal year		\$19,967 95
Less School Board orders paid		<u>18,436 26</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1952		\$1,531 69

BERNICE E. MILLER

July 15, 1952

District Treasurer

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Francetown of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 and find them correct in all respects.

ELEANOR G. CUTTER, Auditor

July 31, 1952

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Parent Teachers Association for the grading of the school playground, for the new playground equipment and its installation and for the dishes donated to the School Lunch Program. We also wish to thank all other organizations and friends that have helped us through the year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. GLADYS ST. JOHN

HAROLD A. VARNUM

WINNIFRED HOYT

School Board

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1951-52	Budgeted 1952-53	Estimated Budget 1953-54
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of District Officers	\$147 60	\$140 60	\$140 60
2. Supt.'s Salary (local share)	380 25	439 80	502 44
3. Tax for state wide supervision	152 00	164 00	174 00
4. Salaries of other admn. personnel	241 83	320 26	348 40
5. Supplies and expenses	39 06	31 00	31 00
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	5,772 62	5,920 00	6,245 00
7. Textbooks & other instr. aids	276 59	220 00	245 00
8. Scholars' Supplies	495 76	360 00	418 00
10. Other Instructional Expenses	61 07	206 00	126 00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Janitor	434 00	490 00	490 00
12. Fuel or heat	334 54	400 00	400 00
13. Water, light & other expenses	301 70	232 24	262 25
D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	648 83	550 00	250 00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	227 14	235 00	340 00
16. Transportation	2,138 40	2,124 00	2,304 00
17. Tuition:			
a. High School	3,673 88	4,625 00	6,300 00
18. Special Fund Activities	245 53	95 00	45 00
18a. School Lunch	952 47		
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement	347 43	367 00	378 00
20. Insurance, bonds & expenses	379 00	312 00	314 00
Total Current Expenses	\$17,249 70	\$17,231 91	\$19,313 69
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
22. Additions and Improvements		400 00	
23. New Equipment	592 81	30 00	
H. DEBT & INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal	500 00	500 00	500 00
26. Payment of Interest	93 75	96 25	96 25
TOTAL AMOUNT REQUIRED TO MEET SCHOOL BOARD'S BUDGET	\$18,436 26	\$18,258 16	\$19,909 94
Income of the District:	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Balance on hand June 30, 1951	972 03	972 03	200 00

Other Income:

Elementary Tuition	540 00	540 00	540 00
School Lunch	452 47		
All other	129 68		
Local Taxation	17,873 77		

Total Receipts:

Actual	\$19,967 95		
Estimated		\$1,512 03	\$740 00
Balance on hand June 30, 1952	\$1,531 69		
Total Estimated Assessment Re-			
quired to Cover School Board's			
Budget		\$16,746 13	\$19,169 94

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF FRANCESTOWN:

I respectfully submit my sixth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

INSTRUCTION

We are indeed fortunate in being able to retain an experienced teaching staff in the persons of Mr. Robert Piper and Miss Hazel Clement. Despite the fact that their respective rooms are completely filled, effective instruction is being carried on. The school year opened this fall with an enrollment of 35 in grades 1-4; 37 in grades 5-8. By modern standards these enrollments are considered too large to present the type of program that our present day society demands and to give the individual, the type of attention that many of the children need. When one considers that the educational program in each room must provide challenging situations for all pupils enrolled in four grades the task becomes increasingly difficult.

Some consideration was given to the advisability of recommending the establishment of a third room. The cost was estimated at approximately \$4000. This figure included salary of additional personnel; renovating an area in the basement for classroom purposes; additional equipment and operating expenses. However, in view of the consideration that may be given to the Cooperative School Plan, this action was temporarily set aside. Consequently, we will open the school year 1953-54 with an approximate enrollment in the primary room of 32 and in the upper grade room with 36.

There is little question that with decreased enrollments in each room a more effective educational program can be carried on, than at present.

We are still carrying on a complete testing program as explained last year, with the addition of the California Test of Personality. This test is administered each year to grade five youngsters. The function of the test is to reveal the degree to which each pupil is self-adjusted and socially adjusted. The teacher is thereby aided in understanding the child and his reactions to certain situations that may arise in the classroom and on the playground. This test acts as a guide for placing the pupil in activities and situations where he will become a well-rounded and adjusted individual.

A new reporting system in the form of a revised report card was introduced this fall, which we feel affords the teacher a more adequate device for reporting the growth and achievement of a child, than was previously used. All systems of reporting a child's progress in school, by use of a **Report Card** are necessarily limited. Thus we attempt to supplement the report card

by written notes, telephone conversations, and personal conferences. We are eager to have parents consult with us so that we may arrive at common understandings and do the best work possible for your children.

Miss Ethelyn Edwards is continuing to do a very effective piece of work in providing a well rounded music program for the children, with the assistance of the teachers.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

Mrs. Louisa Murphy, R. N. is to be highly commended for her exceptionally fine work in watching and checking the health of the school children. Her report reveals the details of her work.

This year Dr. Louis Weiderhold was engaged as the school doctor and has taken an exceptional interest in our children.

The parents are to be commended for their fine cooperation and assistance in maintaining high health standards in our school.

PLAYGROUND FACILITIES

Each year we witness improvements in our playground area. When one considers what we had three years ago, and compares it with our present playground, the extent of the work done is very revealing. All of us are deeply grateful for the progress that has been made and the fine assistance that has been rendered by the Francetown Parent-Teachers Association, and interested friends of the school.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Mrs. C. Gladys St. John, assisted by Mrs. Winnifred Hoyt, who maintains the books this year, is carrying on a very efficient school lunch program. There are 63 participants in the program out of a total school enrollment of 66 and the average number of meals served is approximately 55 per day. The financial details of the program are explained in another part of the School Report. This report will reveal that the program has become self-supporting, consequently the School Board has made no budget requests for this purpose.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDING

This past summer, the upper grade room and work room adjacent to it, were painted in attractive colors, lending a warm and inspiring atmosphere to these areas.

We now have adequate water pressure in the school to service all facilities at any time during the day. The two-tank and pump arrangement has been the solution to our previously unsanitary, and unsatisfactory water problem.

A new incinerator has been installed in the boiler room to take care of all waste materials except tin cans and watery garbage.

This installation has served to eliminate a fire hazard which was always present when paper materials had to be stored in the building for a period of time and also has served as a proper arrangement for the disposal of burnable garbage, thus contributing to the sanitary condition of our school.

The School Board has provided in its budget a sum of money to re-paint the entrance-way and lavatories this coming summer. When this is completed our school plant will be in excellent condition aesthetically as well as physically.

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL STUDY

The Cooperative School Study has moved along quite rapidly the past few months and when the subject is presented to you for consideration at the annual district meeting in March a goodly number of the questions that are in your minds will have been answered. Consequently I am not going to devote much space to this topic. It is hoped that we shall have all data available at the annual meeting and that a lively and constructive discussion will take place.

I wish to commend the Francetown School Board, and especially Mr. Ford Bowman, for their conscientious attendance at meetings, and the excellent service they have rendered the town throughout this study.

A brochure on the Cooperative School Study is being printed and will be in the hands of citizens prior to the Francetown School District meeting. This brochure will reveal the costs involved in setting up and operating the proposed school; Francetown's estimated share of the total costs; a proposed curriculum; a proposed method of handling transportation and other matters pertinent to the problem. The foregoing information will form a basis for our discussion.

FINANCE

The amount required to cover the school board's budget has been increased by \$1,651.78 as compared to last year's budget. This increase is reflected almost wholly in tuitions which will increase \$1,675 for the school year 1953-54. There are increases in other areas such as Auxiliary Activities, Cost of Instruction and Expenses of Administration. However, these are balanced off by decreases in Capital Outlay, Special Fund Activities, Maintenance of School Plant and Other Instructional Expenses. The total assessment required to cover the school board's budget has increased \$2,423.81. This is occasioned by the fact that the estimated income has been reduced by approximately \$800. The School Board estimates that their balance at the end of the school year 1952-53 will be \$200.

Any large balance that may occur in the School District funds is usually the result of balances in tuition brought about by a difference in the anticipated tuition pupils and those who

actually become tuition pupils. No balances can be foreseen in this item for 1952-53, since all estimated tuition pupils are presently attending high school.

STATE AID

The state aid picture remains the same as last year and it does not appear that Francetown can expect to receive any of this aid for the school year 1953-54. The wealth of the town in terms of adjusted valuation, the terms of the formula, and the number of pupils attending elementary and secondary schools determines the basis for figuring state aid.

CONCLUSION

I wish to again thank the parents, friends and organizations who have expressed a decided interest in the education of the children of Francetown for their continued support and assistance.

I also wish to express my deep appreciation to the Frances-town School Board for their cooperation and assistance in promoting a sound education program.

NEWELL J. PAIRE

Superintendent of Schools

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING
JUNE 30, 1952

	ENROLLMENT								
Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	7	5	10	14					36
Grammar					5	10	9	5	29
									<hr/> 65

ATTENDING SCHOOLS ELSEWHERE:

Peterborough High School	12
New Boston High Schools	3

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance	Total	Tardiness Per Pupil
Primary	36.87	33.07	89.69	21	.5
Grammar	28.79	27.22	94.54	49	1.9

Visits:

By School Board	8
By Superintendent	52
By Citizens	312

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Three Consecutive Years: Wayne Robinson
One Year: Jack Curren, Richard Putnam

STATISTICS FOR FIRST EIGHTEEN WEEKS 1952-53

Census: (Ages 1 day—18 yrs. incl.) Boys 77; Girls 54; Total 131.

Attending Schools in Francestown	65
Attending Private Schools	5
Attending Hancock High School	1
Attending New Boston	1
Attending Peterborough High School	15

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	9	5	8	13					35
Grammar					15	5	10	9	39

ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
Primary	32.92	30.56	92.83
Grammar	36.58	34.04	93.05

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

TO THE SUPT. OF SCHOOLS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Following is the summary of the Health work completed in Francestown during the months from September 1951 to June 1952.

September:

Inspection	69 pupils
Heights and weights	69 pupils
Accidents on playground	7
Four of these required hospital treatment	
Poison Ivy	13

October:

Inspection	67 pupils
Head examinations for pediculosis and general cleanliness	
Dental checkups	67 pupils
Communications with Foundation of Infantile Paralysis for help with one case of questionable polio or rheumatic fever.	

November:

Inspection	63 pupils
Hearing tests with use of audiometer	

December:

Inspection and physical check-up by Dr. Moore of Hancock	60 pupils
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Results of Physical Examinations:

Number of defects found	54
Number of defects corrected	3
Number of defects treated	1
Number of irremediable defects	0
Number of minor defects	19
Nutrition	7
Teeth, one correction, one treatment	29
Throat, two corrections	12
Nose	4
Posture	2

Jan. and Feb. Weights recorded for comparison of September records. 23 cases of measles reported in these months.

Immunization clinic held by Dr. Mason and Mrs. Claire Hamilton—14 children receiving 1st immunization against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Eight were vaccinated for prevention of smallpox.

March:

Inspection	69 pupils
Vision Tests	69 pupils

11 defects found—8 corrections made. 2nd Immunization by Dr. Mason, March 29th.

April:

Inspection

68 pupils

Dental check-up:

61 defects found. 15 children attended a dental clinic at Dr. Lawrence's and Dr. Weather's office.

46 children received private care.

May:

Third and final immunization by Dr. Mason May 7. Dental work continued. Two more clinic days with Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Weathers on May 16 and May 20.

June:

Inspection

63 pupils

Heights and weights recorded for the comparison of September and January records.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISA MURPHY, R. N.

TRUST FUNDS

Report of the Trust Funds, Town of Francetown, N. H., Year Ending December 31, 1932

Date of Creation	NAME OF TRUST FUND AND PURPOSE OF CREATION	HOW INVESTED	Amount of Principal	Rate of Interest	Balance of Income on hand at Beginning of Year	Income During Year	Expended During Year	Balance of Income at end of Year
1852	Levi Woodbury Educational Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$1,000 00	3%	\$45 18	\$31 22	\$24 32	\$52 08
1856	Jennie Bradford Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	351 70	3%	103 44	13 75	42 00	105 19
1909	Ebenezer Pettee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	26 53	3 81	2 00	28 34
1913	Richard Stanley Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	22 45	3 69	2 00	24 14
1915	William Boyd Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150 00	3%	47 28	5 96	2 00	51 24
1916	Ephraim & Charles Morgan Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	20 40	3 63	2 00	22 03
1916	Issacher Dodge Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	3%	7 73	1 73	2 00	7 46
1916	Mary C. Abbott Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	75 00	3%	10 68	2 57	2 00	11 25
1916	Mary A. Bixby Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 01	3 53	2 00	18 54
1917	Nancy M. Danforth Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	16 34	3 51	4 00	15 85
1917	Maria H. Balch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200 00	3%	41 73	7 30	4 00	45 03
1918	Almeda Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	20 70	3 63	4 00	20 33
1918	Daniel Ordway Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	3%	8 14	1 76	2 00	7 90
1920	Jessie F. Osborne Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	20 04	3 62	2 00	21 66
1921	Henry H. Lynch Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 21	3 53	2 00	18 74
1922	Mary D. Roper Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	300 00	3%	39 43	10 25	15 50	34 18
1922	L. Ann Weston Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	3%	8 32	1 76	1 00	9 08
1922	Eva M. Farmer Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 02	3 53	2 00	18 55
1923	Daniel W. Duncklee Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	75 00	3%	8 03	2 51	2 00	8 54
1924	Unknown Dead Memorial Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	3%	4 56	1 64	2 00	6 20
1925	Noses Jellison Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 93	3 55	2 00	19 48
1925	Mark Dean Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	3%	7 52	1 73	2 00	7 25
1925	Reuben Sawyer & Garvin Sleeper Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 82	3 51	1 00	20 33
1927	George F. Holt Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	200 00	3%	49 32	7 54	4 00	52 86
1927	Clara Dean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	39 14	3 59	8 00	44 73
1928	Vianna C. Clark Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	24 15	3 59	2 00	25 90
1928	Moses B. Fish Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	15 51	3 61	2 00	17 12
1929	Orville & Sarah Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	25 41	3 47	2 00	26 58
1929	Oliver P. Fairbank Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	19 93	3 53	2 00	22 52
1929	Mary J. Roynton Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	50 00	3%	8 03	1 71	2 00	7 74
1929	Benjamin Uean Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	16 20	3 50	2 00	17 70
1930	Georgiana Felch Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150 00	3%	31 29	5 48	2 00	34 77
1931	Jennie G. Dodge Cemetery Fund	Amoskeag Savings Bank	100 00	3%	17 40	3 55	2 00	18 95
1931	Walter N. Maxfield Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	150 00	3%	30 94	5 45	2 00	34 39
1932	John A. Burnham Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	3%	2 84	1 58	2 00	4 42
1933	Sarah A. Hill Cemetery Fund	Manchester Savings Bank	50 00	3%				

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*\$1 000 plus \$77 50 interest paid to the Town of Francetown on May 29, 1952 for Road Equipment.

This is to certify that the information contained in this report is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

KATHLEEN F. JOHNSON
PAUL T. BRADBURY
RODNEY G. MILLS, Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Condition	No. Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name Mother	Color	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1952										
April 4	Goffstown	Thomas C. Johnson	M L	4	Edward E. Johnson	Marion L. Higgins	W	Laborer	Westmoreland	Milford
May 10	Goffstown	Peter Gilbert Buxton	M L	5	George Ira Buxton	Ruth Evelyn Cass	W	Lumbering	New Boston	Keene
May 10	Goffstown	James Forrest Nichols	M L	3	Robert E. Nichols	Dorothy E. Brown	W	Barn man	Bangor, Me.	Goffstown
May 22	Goffstown	Beth Erma Jones	F L	2	Frank Willis Jones	Marion E. Hoyt	W	Bookkeeper	Francestown	Windsor, Conn.
Aug. 17	Goffstown	Gerald H. Miller	M L	2	Herman C. Miller	Dorothy E. Leland	W	Mechanic	France town	Manchester
Aug. 25	Peterborough	William Alfred Clay	M L	6	William A. Clay	Elizabeth C. McCartan	W	Ins. Claim Adj.	Hartford, Conn.	Manchester
Oct. 12	Peterborough	Henry H. Kunhardt	M L	1	George E. Kunhardt	Priscilla H. Hodge	W	Farmer	Lawrence, Mass.	Brookline, Mass.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1932

Place & Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace of Parents	Name and Residence of Person by Whom Married
1932								
Jan. 19	Clarence Elmer Paige	Milford	17	Farmer	New Hampshire	Harvey J. Paige	New Hampshire	Rev. Calder M. Miller
S. Lyndeboro	Lucille Foote	Francestown	22	None	New Hampshire	Vera B. Draper	New Hampshire	Baptist Pastor
Jan. 23	Arnold K. Ellsworth	Deering	53	Farmer	New Hampshire	Clayton F. Foote	New Hampshire	Lyndeborough
Deering	Grace Maud Stone	Francestown	58	At home	New Hampshire	Amy Blanchard	New Hampshire	Charles E. Reidt
Com. Cen.	Robert W. Allen	New York	32	Publicist	Connecticut	George F. Ellsworth	New Hampshire	Clergyman
Dec. 27	Beverly Forbes	Francestown	33	Publicist	Massachusetts	Eva E. Goodale	New Hampshire	Deering
						Edward C. Stevens	New Hampshire	Donald S. Ewing
						Lillian Osborne	New Hampshire	Minister
						Franklin W. Allen	Illinois	Greenfield
						Marion C. Booth	New York	
						James Forbes	Scotland	
						Isabel O'Connor	Massachusetts	

Deaths Registered in the Town of Francestown, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1952

Date	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Yrs. Mo. Days	Place of Birth	Sex	S. M. W.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1952									
April 15	Goffstown	Mabel Brown	56	Lebanon	F	S	At home	Albert Dolloph	Gertrude Brown
July 3	Francestown	Frank C. Morrill	53	Derry	M	M	Farmer	Warren J. Morrill	Frances V. Carlton
Sept. 2	Francestown	Ralph Samuel Colby	73	Weare	M	W	Machinist	George H. Colby	Abbie Webster
Oct. 4	Goffstown	Mary Draper	82	Francestown	F	W	Housework	Nathaniel D. Hopkins	Helenette Gilman
Nov. 16	Francestown	Mae Ida Alexander	83	Carmel, Me.	F	W	Housewife	Peter Work	Mary (Unknown)

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.
 HERMAN C. MILLER, Town Clerk

